

Junior Meeting – Preparing for Senior Year

SEMESTER 2

College Planning

CONTINUATION FROM SEM 1

Any Progress Made?

- ▶ Attending college fairs?
- ▶ Meeting with college reps?
- ▶ Visiting campuses?
- ▶ Developing your list of perspective colleges?
- ▶ Determining admission requirements and evaluating selectivity?
- ▶ Standardized testing (ACT) – preparing and taking?

Applications

COMMON APP

COALITION APP

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC APP

Common Application (Common App)

- ▶ Currently **891** schools
- ▶ 60 colleges within 250 miles of PCH
- ▶ 416 have no application fee
- ▶ Only 401 require the personal essay
 - ▶ Currently 7 prompts available
 - ▶ Essay is between 250-600 words in length
- ▶ 509 require supplemental writings (essays, short answer responses)
- ▶ Only 497 require standardized test scores (ACT or SAT)
- ▶ Only 454 require letters of recommendation - - how many do you need? who will you ask?
- ▶ ALL require a counselor to complete a School Report - - who will you ask? do they also need a counselor recommendation?

Common App

My Colleges

- Bradley University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Case Western Reserve University
- DePaul University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Kansas State University
- Lawrence University
- Maryville University of St. Louis
- Purdue University
- Saint Louis University
- Truman State University
- University of Chicago**
- College Information
- Application
 - Questions
 - ✓ Recommenders and FERPA
 - Review and Submit - Common App
- Writing Supplement
 - Questions
 - Review and Submit - Writing Supplement
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Iowa

University of Chicago

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Links: [College Website](#) · [Virtual Tour](#) · [College Navigator](#)



Application Deadlines

Fall 2020

First Year

Early Decision - 11/01/2019
Early Action - 11/01/2019
Early Decision II - 01/02/2020
Regular Decision - 01/02/2020

Other Deadline Information

The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. in the applicant's local time zone on the date listed for each application program. Don't panic if you have difficulty submitting the application and it goes through after 11:59 p.m. We want to review your application, and will not disqualify you based on the timestamp.

Application Information

Application Fees:

First Year Domestic Fee - \$75
First Year International Fee - \$75

Standardized Test Policy:

Flexible
See Website
[Test Policy Information](#)

Courses & Grades:

Not Used

Recommendations:

School Report Required
Counselor Recommendation Required
Mid Year Report Required
Final Report Required
Teacher Evaluation(s): 2 Required, 1 Optional
Other Evaluation(s): 0 Required, 3 Optional

Instructions and Help

Can a college see the list of colleges on the My Colleges list?

A school cannot view any other schools on your **My Colleges** list and does not receive any information
[Read more](#)

Where are the application requirements for a specific school listed?

Please check the requirements for each school on their specific page. Click on the name of
[Read more](#)

How can I view a college's Writing Supplement, if they have one?

There are two ways you can access a college's Writing Supplement.

[Read more](#)

What is the min/max word count for the essays on the Questions page or Writing Supplement?

Each school has different requirements/word counts for their essay questions, so be sure to check the
[Read more](#)

When is the deadline for my application submission?

To meet an application deadline, you must submit your application materials by 11:59 pm on the
[Read more](#)

Essay Prompts

WILL YOU HAVE ESSAYS?
WHAT WILL THEY BE ABOUT?

Common App Essay Prompts

- 1.** Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- 2.** The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- 3.** Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- 4.** Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- 5.** Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- 6.** Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- 7.** Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

UIUC Essay Prompt from 2019-20

(NOT COMMON APP)

Explain your interest in the major you selected and describe how you have recently explored or developed this interest inside and/or outside the classroom. You may also explain how this major relates to your future career goals. If you're applying to the Division of General Studies, explain your academic interests and strengths or your future career goals. You may include any majors or areas of study you're currently considering. Limit your response to 300 to 400 words.

- ▶ If you select a second-choice major other than the Division of General Studies on your application, write a second essay explaining your interest in this major, too. Again, limit your response to 300 to 400 words.

Michigan Supplemental Essays from 2019-20 (COMMON APP)

Essay #1 (Required for all applicants. 300 word maximum.)

- ▶ Everyone belongs to many different communities and/or groups defined by (among other things) shared geography, religion, ethnicity, income, cuisine, interest, race, ideology, or intellectual heritage. Choose one of the communities to which you belong, and describe that community and your place within it.

Essay #2 (Required for all applicants. 500 words maximum.)

- ▶ Describe the unique qualities that attract you to the specific undergraduate College or School (including preferred admission and dual degree programs) to which you are applying at the University of Michigan. How would that curriculum support your interests?

EVALUTE

- ▶ After you have received all admission decisions and financial aid packages, it's time to decide which option makes the most sense
- ▶ Remember...
 - ▶ Academically
 - ▶ Socially
 - ▶ Financially

Financing College

- ▶ **FAFSA** – opens **October 1** of senior year
 - ▶ Free tool
 - ▶ use 4caster tool NOW to determine your potential EFC
 - ▶ Create your student & parent FSA ID now
- ▶ **CSS Profile** – opens **October 1** of senior year
 - ▶ Has a fee to apply
 - ▶ Required by many selective private schools
- ▶ **PCH Financial Aid Night**
 - ▶ September every year

Things you
can do NOW!

fafsa.ed.gov

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COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾

Section Overview

How Financial Aid Works

Types of Financial Aid

Grants

Scholarships

Work-Study Jobs

Loans

Aid for Military Families

Aid for International Study

Financial Aid Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements

Staying Eligible

Regaining Eligibility

Estimate Your Financial Aid

fsaid.ed.gov

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Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

Important: When you are done, select the CANCEL button to clear your data even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

Create an FSA ID

Manage My FSA ID

Create your FSA ID username and password below.

Username



Password



✓ Numbers ✓ Uppercase Letters ✓ Lowercase Letters ✓ 8-30 Characters Show Text

Confirm Password



CONTINUE >

Financing College

- ▶ **Scholarship** Searching

- ▶ Ongoing



Naviance

- ▶ **A+** Scholarship Opportunity

- ▶ May use scholarship to cover:

- ▶ Tuition at MO community colleges or technical schools for first 2 years of college
- ▶ 6 credit hours the summer after graduation at MO community college

- ▶ Insurance policy (have available to use if you have to come home for a semester due to illness or other extenuating circumstances)

- ▶ Taking out **Loans**

- ▶ Consider potential income (loan debt should not exceed your potential starting salary!)
- ▶ Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis guidelines

Registering for 2020-21

SENIOR PRIVILEGES
GRADUATION CREDIT CHECK
COURSE SELECTION

Senior Privileges

Independent Study

Office Aide

Student Aide

Internships

Dual Enrollment

Choice Programs

- ▶ Spark!
 - ▶ Takes 3 blocks of your schedule each semester
 - ▶ Visit website for details and application
- ▶ Virtual
 - ▶ May be taken as 1 of your 7 classes, or as an 8th class
 - ▶ Visit website for details and application
- ▶ South Tech
 - ▶ Takes 3-4 blocks each semester
 - ▶ See Ms. Bailey for details on application process

- A+ Program
- + Testing (ACT, PSAT, AP)
- 8th Grade
- Freshman Class
- Sophomore Class
- Junior Class
- Senior Class
- Transcripts
- Personal Plan of Study
- Progress Towards Graduation Checklist
- + College Info
- Counseling Calendar
- Important Dates
- NCAA Eligibility
- NAIA Eligibility
- Latin Cum Laude System - Frequently Asked Questions
- Independent Study
- Parkway Choice Programs

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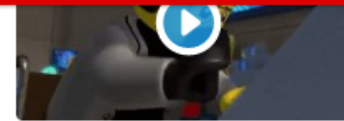
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Dec 20, 2019

PCH Counseling
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PSAT scores will be posted today in College Board accounts for all who tested in October. See email from Mrs Prange for more details, and stop by Counseling to pick up your test booklet.

<https://twitter.com/CollegeBoard/status/1184529446021353472>

Dec 10, 2019

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Register by Friday if you want to take the December ACT! act.org
<https://twitter.com/Journey2College/status/1191763875055767552>

Nov 6, 2019

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Come learn more about Valpo, UMSL, Mizzou, and Lindenwood this week as reps from those schools visit PCH! Grab a pass in counseling and sign up in Naviance. [@umsl](https://twitter.com/umsl) [@Mizzou](https://twitter.com/Mizzou) [@ValpoU](https://twitter.com/ValpoU) [@LindenwoodU](https://twitter.com/LindenwoodU)

Valparaiso University	Tue November 6, 2019	11:45 AM
University of Missouri St. Louis	Thu November 7, 2019	9:30 AM
University of Missouri Columbia	Thu November 7, 2019	11:00 AM

Infinite Campus

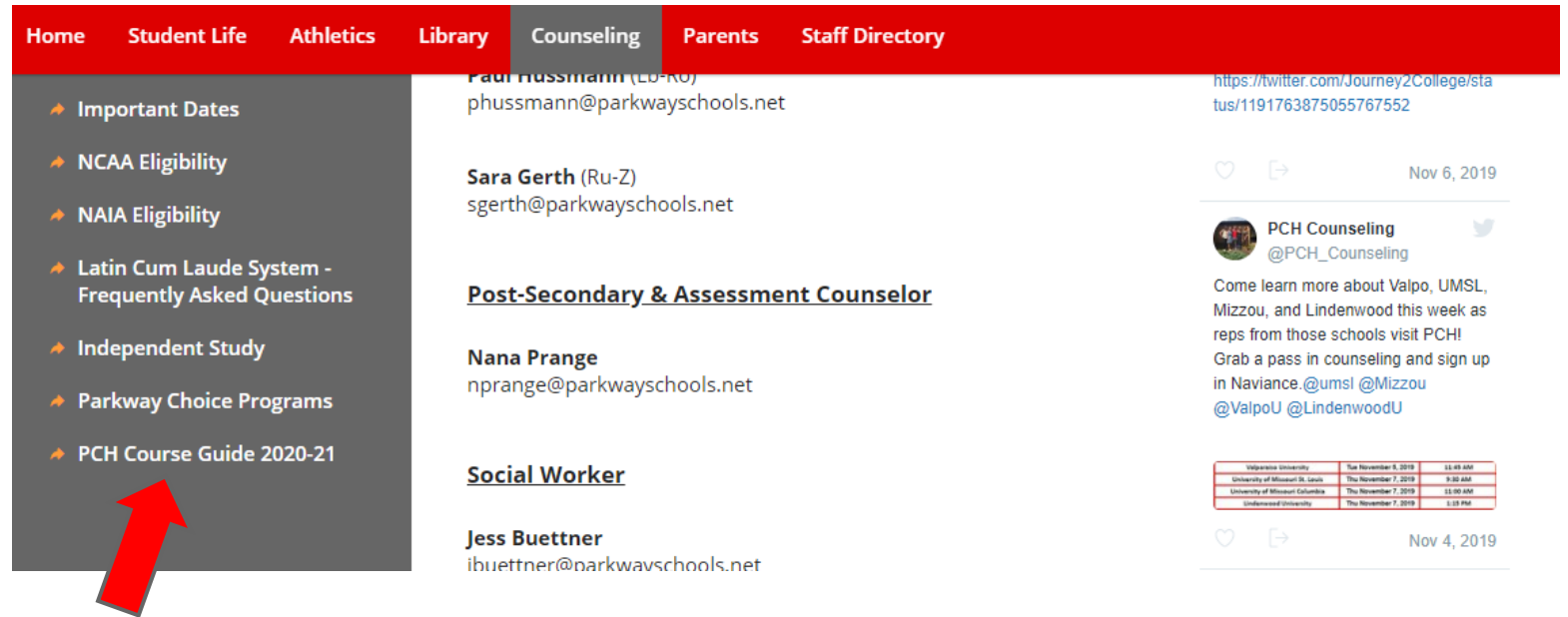
- ▶ Complete the “Progress Towards Graduation” checklist
 - ▶ Log in to Infinite Campus and pull up your transcript
 - ▶ Mark off your first 5 semesters of credits earned
 - ▶ Indicate those courses you are currently in this semester
- ▶ Which credits do you still need to complete during senior year?
 - ▶ Include those credits on your registration worksheet

Registration Worksheet

- ▶ Your counselor will call for you to discuss your plan for 2020-21
- ▶ English – first semester Composition class filled in for you; you must select your second semester literature class (unless you are in AP – then it is in for the entire year)
- ▶ Math – should be filled in
- ▶ Enter those remaining credits to earn your diploma
- ▶ Enter your yearlong commitments you will continue (World Languages, music ensembles, etc)
- ▶ Starting Jan 10th at 3:30 pm, enter your requests into Infinite Campus
- ▶ Your registration worksheet and printed/signed Request Summary is due by Jan 30th at 8 a.m.

Course Guide

- ▶ **The course guide does not leave this room!!**
- ▶ A PDF may be found on the PCH Counseling website



The screenshot shows the Parkway Schools website navigation menu. The 'Counseling' tab is selected, revealing a dropdown menu with the following items:

- ▶ Important Dates
- ▶ NCAA Eligibility
- ▶ NAIA Eligibility
- ▶ Latin Cum Laude System - Frequently Asked Questions
- ▶ Independent Study
- ▶ Parkway Choice Programs
- ▶ PCH Course Guide 2020-21

A red arrow points to the 'PCH Course Guide 2020-21' item. The main content area displays the following staff members:

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On the right side, there is a Twitter feed with a tweet from PCH Counseling (@PCH_Counseling) dated Nov 6, 2019, and a table of upcoming events:

Valpo University	Sun November 8, 2019	11:00 AM
University of Missouri St. Louis	The November 7, 2019	9:00 AM
University of Missouri Columbia	The November 7, 2019	11:00 AM
Lindenwood University	The November 7, 2019	1:00 PM

While You Wait for Your Comprehensive Counselor...

- ▶ Are your “**Colleges I’m Thinking About**” up to date in Naviance?
- ▶ Have you started your college spreadsheet to stay organized?
- ▶ Be considering whom you might ask to write your **letters of recommendation**? When is your first college **app deadline**? Have you made plans to do some (or more) **college visits**?
- ▶ Spend time in **Testive** – April 7th will be here before you know it
- ▶ If you have questions for Mrs. Prange, now is a great time to ask 😊